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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Dentists, Rural Health Clinics, Clinics, Maternal Health Centers, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Certified Nurse Midwives, Birthing Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

SUBJECT: Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment Program - Testing with the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The IME and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) are pleased to announce that effective May 1, 2013, providers may now test in order to have the ability to meet and attest to the Meaningful Use Measure for the State Immunization Registry. The IME invites all eligible providers and hospitals to participate in a webinar to explore how to complete the test and attestation process. Please see the information below for guidance on how to test with the IRIS and how to attest to that measure with the IME EHR Incentive Payment Program.

Date	Time	Register
September 24	11am to 12pm	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/115039802
September 25	2pm to 3pm	https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/455826978

Providers and hospitals who attest to meaningful use in 2013 with a reporting period that includes May 1, 2013, and onward must test with the IDPH to meet the immunization measure for the IME EHR Incentive Payment Program. For groups or hospitals, one test will meet the requirement for all in the group or hospital so long as it is within the same reporting period or before. The following steps outline how to conduct the test with IDPH and how to attest to it with the IME.

How to Test with the IRIS

1. Health care provider completes IRIS Meaningful Use form.
2. Health care provider sends IRIS Meaningful Use form and a test file by email to the IDPH IRIS Meaningful Use email address at imm.meaningfuluse@idph.iowa.gov. The test file **must** contain bogus patient data.
3. IDPH will run the test file through test region of IRIS.
 - a. Files will be processed on a first come, first served basis.
4. IDPH tracks the progress of each provider's file (date file received, date file tested, date approved by Immunization Program).

- a. IDPH will notify senders as soon as possible.
5. IDPH will send confirmation back with errors (if any).
6. IDPH will place health care providers in a queue for ongoing data exchange with IRIS.
 - a. IDPH will bring providers onboard for ongoing data exchange with IRIS based on immunization volume and IDPH resources for onboarding.

How to Attest with the IME

1. Once the test is complete, return to the IME Incentive Portal (www.imeincentives.com) to attest to this Meaningful Use measure.
2. Select the Immunization Measure.
3. Select "Yes" that you've completed the test.
4. Enter the name of the Immunization Registry.
5. Indicate if the test was successful.
 - a. The test message can fail and still be deemed meeting meaningful use.
6. Enter the date the test message was sent.
7. Attach the confirmation message from IDPH.
 - a. If you are attesting prior to receiving this, please attach the test message email with a time-stamp to show it was within the reporting period.
8. Continue with the rest of your application.

For questions regarding this process, please contact Rachel A. Lunsford, Medicaid HIT Provider Incentive Coordinator, at 515-974-2918 or imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us.